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THE FAMILY IDEA IN FRANCE.

Contrary to our popular notions, it is really in France that a mother reigns most supreme in her own household.

Not as a concession from loving husband or yielding daughter, but per se her position in the home is pre-eminent, and an attitude of courteous deference is maintained toward her in public and private by visitor and inmate alike.

In England, on the contrary, Max O'Rell notices that among the well-to-do classes the mother is not always to be found in the foreground, and he ascribes it mainly to the fact that she enters portionless upon her married life.

He says: "The dot gives to the French wife a certain feeling of independence and authority in the house. She is somebody, her husband's equal. In England she is something more than a housekeeper or a pin money manager."

In every French family where there is the smallest margin of income over expenditure provision for the future of a girl is begun as soon as she is born, and each year's economies go toward augmenting the dot. Moreover she is sure of her inheritance when her thrifty parents come to die, for the law forbids the denuding of a natural heir by the caprice or the prejudice of the testator. Even in the rare event of a headstrong marriage—a decorous French elopement, shielded from scandal by the legal formality of the "respectful summons"—the exasperated father can only forbid her presence or the utterance of her name in her old home during his own lifetime. When death calls him away she will re-enter inevitably upon her rights and share equally with brothers and sisters the inalienable moiety, at least, of the patrimony.

Sharply defined and sure are the channels of inheritance, and the certainty of working of the laws governing property tend to make the French family a compact-unit, with a solidarity so complete that what touches one member affects them all. A stain on the mercantile honor of a father smirches the daughter and warrents the family of a would-be suitor in forbidding the bans.

A phase of this solidarity of the family which is most interesting to the foreigner is the "council de famille," which holds authority not only by custom but by law. This power has been invoked in all ages in family disputes over money, even so long ago as when the son of the aged Sophocles used it to summon his father before the tribunal to show cause why he should not be interdicted from lavishly dispersing his property to the detriment of his legal heirs.

In France this family council has a yet nobler use in the protection of those weaker members of society who are daily sacrificed as victims to their own generosity and another's selfishness. Such was the case of a French artist, whose studies had been directed with the sole and modest ambition of becoming a successful teacher of art, and who had at last attained the reward of years of patient work. Her reputation was established in Paris as a good instructor, her studio was crowded with classes and her earnings sufficed for many luxuries in her cherry, comfortable apartments. There she lived, happy as the day was long, near neighbor to devoted friends who had helped her tide over the hard places in her struggle for success. Abruptly came an appeal from a heartbroken brother. His wife had died suddenly under peculiarly painful circumstances, and he distractedly brought her to come and take charge of his home and motherless children. He vowed eternal gratitude and undying affection, and said she was his only hope and alone could save him from despair. She was motherless and fatherless, and in this country or England there would have been only what is called the officiousness of interfering friends to prevent the usual sacrifice.

There were, however, living in Brittany, two old lady aunts, who immediately called into "family council" the somewhat distant relatives. Their decision was that if Mlle. X. sacrificed her assured career and the happy life she had preferred above other possibilities on earth, her brother in return must settle upon her a little capital sufficient to secure her independence and save her future from want or bitter dependence upon cold charity. The heartbroken widower might console himself with a new wife, or if he chanced to die the children might make her feel a burden upon them. The brother was, therefore, enjoined to make at once and in proper business form a safe provision for her future, or the "council" would not permit her to follow the generous impulses of her heart.

He obeyed and the sacrifice was consummated and it turned out as we have so often seen them do. In a few years the angel of deliverance had lost her wings and had become the ordinary old maid aunt, the household drudge, without real authority, ministering faithfully to an indifferent brother and unruly children, who thanklessly treated her as an intruder. Her health was breaking down under the strain, when again the "family council" was called together. Its decree ended the useless sacrifice and sent the exiled bride to her loved Paris and the dear friends kinder than her kin. They nursed her through the long and dangerous illness, held, and encouraged her to start afresh in the profession she loved. Freed from the press of pecuniary cares she was able to knit together the raveled threads of her business connection and in time she again attained an honorable success.

Verily, with Laurence Sterne, we say: "They do these things better in France!"—Woman's Edition Philadelphia Press.

The man who eats because he is hungry is, thus far, on a level with the brute. The man who stops eating the moment his hunger is appeased is the wise man. Nature needs no more food than she calls for. Continued excess brings about indigestion or dyspepsia, with loss of flesh, strength, sleep, ambition and mental power; and an accumulation of aches, pains and many dangerous local maldies.

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Our Woman's Column



AID a young engaged girl to us the other day: "We are going straight into our own house as soon as we return from the wedding to our for I insisted on

two no house is large enough to hold two families." The air of worldly wisdom that emphasized these remarks set very prettily on the youthful fiancée, and we are forced to admit that her views as far as our knowledge of life went were eminently proper and correct.

Mothers, the dearest and best creations of God, never fully recover from the surprise that overtakes them when their daughters (whom they nurtured tenderly for nineteen, twenty or twenty-one years, giving them everything that was in their power, devoting every thought, every muscle to attain their happiness) suddenly meet one who is a comparative stranger, and, apparently forgetting all about the love that has been theirs in the past, trustingly happily walk out in the future, content in an affection as yet unfused, a love practically unknown.

Under such circumstances it is not to be marveled at that the mother is ever on the alert to note some deficiency in the devotion that her son-in-law gives to the precious daughter. She doesn't mean to be disagreeable, but the man, not understanding the wealth and tenderness of a mother's love, feels the espionage, chafes under the kindly criticism, and finally a flare-up of a serious nature is the result, and the mother-in-law is naturally condemned and made to bear the brunt of the whole estrangement.

Of course there are mothers-in-law and mothers-in-law, but as a rule the family differences arise only from overzealous motherly solicitude, rather than from any innate desire to "nag and pest" as one unfortunate described the methods of his mother-in-law. Under the same roof the state affairs is aggravated; in separate establishments the little tempers of the daughter, the daughters, the peccadilloes of the husband are patched up by the two most concerned. Their message is run to suit themselves. It may not be motherly, but it is their way, and they are the ones to be suited. If John slams the door and goes off to his club, leaving a weeping wife to spoil the best sofa cushions with great salt tears, the relatives of the pair will never dream of anything but calm and blissful billing and cooing when the husband and wife go home for a Sunday dinner, or to join the family in some special festive or sorrow. The little wife may threaten to go home to mother a dozen times a day, but she won't go unless hubby's actions are too flagrant and unbearable. Under their own roof-tree they will weather it out together, and in the years to come he will be quoted as a model husband and son-in-law, a bit of commendation that might not have been bestowed upon him if the mother of his wife had witnessed all their little tiffs, and the bride had been in a position to pour her woes into the ears of mother, sisters and aunts, who were near at hand when the mood for tearful confidences was upon her.

Among the articles of special interest in the Century for February, are "Pope Leo XIII. and his Household" as given by Marion Crawford in a personal account; "The Story of the Development of Africa" by Stanley; and some of the "Worthies and Dames of Old Maryland." There are several pleasing short stories besides the Serials which are attracting attention. The midwinter Century has a fine range of literature and holds its own with the best.

The readers of Demorest's are introduced to a number of noted persons this month. The "Stars" of the Grand Opera are shown at their best in the portrait gallery which embellishes this magazine, and artists, poets and novelists come in for a liberal showing in the literary feast spread before its readers. A Tea with Du Maurier" gives this distinguished novelist and artist in a very pleasant mood. Hall Cain is also shown to advantage in "The Tale of Man"; "The Education of Our Girls" is discussed by able writers and various Departments offer their usual attractions. Demorest's is a family magazine in every sense, and is only \$2 a year.

Castles in the Air.

"Amid the myriad troubles that meet us every day, Who would not from the conflict a moment turn away, And in a far-off fairyland, where men no burdens bear, Forget a while our tears and toil, in Castles in the Air."

So writes Jacob Gough, and he goes on to suggest that this sort of castle building is a proper relief for weary folks. How many a distressed, miserable, who dreams of health and happiness. In this matter he had better be doing as he says. "What shall he do," you ask: Why take Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery to be sure. It cures affections of throat and lungs, incipient consumption, disordered liver, sore throat, bronchitis, asthma, catarrh, ulcers, scrofulous tumors and swellings, bad blood, fever and ague and dropsy.

Prof. Waldeyer of Berlin, whose researches cover years, told the recent anthropological congress in Germany that the muscles of the tongue were much more highly developed in the women than in the men.

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Washington

.....Letter



SENATOR Allison has returned from Iowa and is receiving the congratulations of his friends and colleagues on his reelection to the Senate just as modestly as he

will receive them after the St. Louis Convention should be fortunate enough to capture the prize of the Republican Presidential nomination. That modest way of wearing his honors is one of the many reasons why almost everybody likes Senator Allison, but it is also a source of weakness to him as a candidate for the Presidential nomination, because it causes some people to think that he lacks aggressiveness.

Strange to say Gen. Harrison's visit to Washington was not followed by a flood of Presidential talk. One reason for this somewhat unusual exception was that Gen. Harrison himself positively declined to discuss that subject, saying that he was for the time out of politics.

In adopting that Armenian resolution the Senate gave the world to understand that Congress is willing to go to any length in supporting the president in protecting American citizens in foreign countries.

A lot of tomfoolery has been widely circulated concerning the opposition in the Senate to the Davis Monroe doctrine resolution which was last week reported to the Senate from the Committee on Foreign Relations. It can be stated upon the authority of Senator Lodge, of Mass., who has made a careful and thorough canvass of the Senate, that the resolution will be adopted and at the outside there will not be more than eight votes cast against it in the Senate. It may not be voted upon for ten days or two weeks yet, as many Senators wish to make speeches upon it, and the free coinage substitute for the House bond bill is still taking up the greater portion of the time of the Senate. But that bill will, it is expected, be disposed of this week, and then there will be a clear deck for the Monroe doctrine speeches, and for Senator Davis to press his resolution to a vote.

The career of Representative and Senator-elect Money, of Miss., as viewed from the Washington end of the line, furnishes a somewhat striking picture of the ups and downs of the Southern politician. Mr. Hernandez De Soto Money, not to blame for his name at any rate, made his debut in National politics as Representative of the fourth Mississippi District in the forty-fourth Congress. He remained in the House until the close of the forty-eighth Congress. There he became a cheap Congressional lobbyist, and remained such, his appearance indicated that he had a hard time to, until he succeeded in getting himself elected to the fifty-third Congress from the same old district. Then things began to go his way, although some of those who had employed him as a lobbyist must have given him some bad half-hours after his return to Congress. He was re-elected to the present House, and last week was elected for a full term in the Senate, beginning the day his term in the House expires, March 4, 1897. There is more than one "ex" hanging around Washington, lobbying a little and drinking a great deal, who would like to find out how Mr. Money managed to get up again after his first knock down.

Senator Baker, of Kansas, made a good impression with his speech in favor of the coinage of the American product of silver, in accordance with his amendment to the free coinage substitute for the House bond bill, which is now before the Senate. He divided the money ranks into three classes, gold monometallists, silvermonometallists and bimetalists, and announced his own allegiance to the last named. He said he was very positive that the question of tariff and finance would be settled by the Republican party alone. Mr. Baker is a great orator, but he seems to have a supply of hard horse sense that is likely to be beneficial to Kansas and to the Republican party during his Senatorial term.

It is now practically certain that the House committee on Foreign Affairs will report a resolution censuring Ambassador Bayard for those anti-American speeches he made. So much has been agreed to by the sub-committee consisting of Draper, of Mass., Pearson, of N. C. and Denmore, of Ark., to which the matter was referred. It would be comparatively easy for the Republicans on the committee to get any sort of a resolution passed by the House that they might choose to recommend, even to the extent of recommending Bayard's recall; but as they wish the matter to be shorn of all partisanship by having the resolution to be reported unanimously from the committee, the resolution to be reported will be merely one of censure and so worded that it will be supported by the Democratic members of the committee, who agree with their Republican colleagues in believing that Bayard deserves to be censured.

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Royal Baking Powder

WASTED HIS ELOQUENCE.

A Southern Congressman Who Raked Bingham as a Stay at Home.

Here is a story which Stallings of Alabama tells in the Washington Post on himself:

"It happened in the Fifty-second congress, when I was a new man in the house, not so experienced as I am now. Bingham of Pennsylvania was making a bloody shirt speech on some subject or other. Near me sat old Judge Culberson. He listened awhile, and then beckoned to me.

"I say, Stallings," said he in his slow, lazy way, 'get up and answer that fellow. The idea of his abusing the southern cavaliers like that! He never smelt gunpowder. He never was in the war. He skulked while we were out fighting Yankees.

"I didn't know Bingham," continued Stallings. "I felt flattered that Culberson should call on me to speak for our side and get the door as soon as I could when Bingham had concluded.

"Well, sir, I lit into Bingham. I threw all the eloquence of my tongue into that effort to annihilate him. I pictured the northern soldier shouldering his musket and kissing his wife and children farewell at the front gate. I pictured the battlefield, where he fought and bled for the Union. I pictured the southern soldier, departing from his thatched cottage home, where dwelt his loved ones, going out to fight for what he believed his right, and his return, to find his home in ashes and his dear ones dead or scattered. And then I denounced the skulking stay-at-home in the north, men like the gentleman who had just preceded me, who had never seen a battlefield, never smelt gunpowder except on the Fourth of July or at a ratification meeting, and who, 30 years after, would get up in congress and denounce the southern men who had gone out to lay down their lives for their cause, right or wrong.

"To my surprise," said Stallings, "Bingham took it in the best of humor. He even laughed. Some of the Republicans smiled and looked in an amused way at Bingham and then at me, and next thing I knew some on our side were smiling and laughing, and when I turned about in his seat, laughing to himself as though he had a fit. It began to dawn on me about this time that Culberson had just put up a job on me. I wasn't through with my remarks, but I cut off short and sat down.

"Presently Bingham walked over to me, holding out his hand in a pleasant sort of way, and said: 'This is Mr. Stallings, I believe. I'm sure you have been made the victim of a practical joke. I was in the Union army and was wounded at Gettysburg. Spotsylvania and Farmville and was mustered out as brigadier general. It's all right. Only I hate to see a young man like you imposed upon.'

Origin of "John Bull."

The origin of the term "John Bull" is thus explained by the London Golden Penny: Dr. John Bull was the first Gresham professor of music, organist of Hereford cathedral and composer to Queen Elizabeth. John, like a true Englishman, traveled for improvement, and having heard of a famous musician at St. Omer he placed himself under him as a novice, but a circumstance very soon convinced the master that he was inferior to the scholar. The musician showed John a song which he had composed in 40 parts, telling him at the same time that he defied all the world to produce a person capable of adding another part to his composition. Bull desired to be left alone and to be indulged for a short time with pen and ink. In less than three hours he added 40 parts more to the song, upon which the Frenchman was so much surprised that he swore in great ecstasy he must be either the devil or John Bull, which has ever since been proverbial in England.

Wear of Self Made Men's Drag.

Mr. Moody has a popular and very telling way of "hitting" the errors which are so rife in the theological thinking of many persons today. Speaking of salvation by grace, he says: "It is well that a man can't save himself, for if a man could only work his own way to heaven, why, never would hear the last of it. Why, down here in this world, if a man happens to get a little ahead of his fellows and scrapes a few thousand dollars together, you'll hear him bragging about his being 'a self made man' and telling how he began as a poor boy and worked his way up in the world. I've heard so much of this sort of thing that I'm sick and tired of the whole business, and I'm glad we shan't have any bragging through all eternity who worked their way into heaven."

No Necessity For It.

"Charley!" called the blind man to the deaf and dumb man, "I want to see you."

"Well," replied the deaf and dumb man, "you needn't speak so loud."—New York Herald.

Briggs—"You know Gabels, don't you?" Bragg—"Oh, I have listening acquaintance with him."

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NOTICE.

If you receive a copy of this paper which you did not order, consider it an invitation to subscribe. If you do not want it, kindly hand it to a neighbor. No charges are made if it is not ordered.

Local News.

Remember that J. F. McWhorter has a full line of carriage and agricultural implements on hand.

\$40 per month and expenses paid good men for taking orders. Steady work. Apply the Protective Nurseries, Geneva, N.Y.

Blank contracts have been left in the hands of Mr. Alex. Maxwell for growing tomatoes for the Middletown Creamery the present year. Those desiring to make contracts should call upon him.

The will of Deputy Sheriff Thomas Griffin, of Wilmington, bequeaths the bulk of his estate, valued at about \$5000, to Mary Clark daughter of Ex-Sheriff Philip R. Clark, with whom he made his home.

It is getting to be quite the thing to graduate and receive a position through the recommendation of that fine school, Goldsboro's Wilmington (Del.) Commercial and Short Hand College, Get a Catalogue.

Hugh C. Brown made an address before the Wilmington High School, Tuesday afternoon, on "Our Constitution," in which he gave the history and explained the provisions of this justly famous national instrument.

John Smith, carpenter, moved his residence to East Main Street, near the house he vacated on the 1st of January. He was recently informed, to be occupied by a well known young man of the town, who is soon to take to himself a wife.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Field, Miss Mary Field, Mrs. Cyrus Pyle and Miss Sarah Fell of Wilmington were among the passengers on board the train which was wrecked near Richmond on last Friday. They escaped uninjured, but lost their baggage, as their car was burned.

Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Jones entertained Rev. R. H. Adams, Rev. I. L. Wood and a few other friends, very delightfully Wednesday evening. It was within a few days of their wedding anniversary, and Mr. Adams, who was the officiating clergyman on the happy occasion, being in town, the pleasant little party was informally and hastily arranged so as to have him present.

It appears that some of the notices for delinquent taxes in St. George's church are with erroneous names. Every voter should look to this matter but especially every Republican for the time to correct errors before they are made and if you would save your note examine critically your tax receipt. If your name is misspelled inform the TRANSCRIPT. The information shall be confidential if you desire.

The Electric Light Plant suffered an accident Saturday night in giving way or burning out of one of the armatures. Mr. J. W. Jolls went to Philadelphia and had a new one sent down but it was defective, "a crossed wire" it was said, and had to be returned. The town was on half lights until Thursday night. The accident will cost about \$300.00, the cause of which is hidden in the mysteries of electrical science.

Mr. Fletcher Kane, of the "Summit" gave a dinner on Sunday to which a number from Middletown were invited. Twenty-seven pound turkey was the chief attraction of the bountiful host and the hospitality of the genial host had full sway. Among those present were: Mrs. William Taylor, Mrs. W. J. Barnett, Mrs. James Collins, Mrs. T. H. Armstrong, Misses Mabelle Taylor and Blanche Armstrong.

Some of the Society young men gave an impromptu dance in the old Lyceum Hall Wednesday evening in honor of the guests visiting Mrs. Ella Cochran and Mrs. Geo. J. Janvier. There were about twenty couples on the floor. Music was furnished by two wandering minstrels of color, who with fiddle and harp in perfect rhythm, charmed their patrons with plantation melodies, played as only the natives can. A real old time Virginia Reel was one of the most enjoyable features of the evening.

There will be given away with the Sunday Inquirer of February 2 to theatre with complete stage, proscenium arch and a full cast of characters necessary for a reproduction in miniature of that most popular melodrama, "The Two Orphans." The scenes depicted in that of great building in flames, while all around a complete fire department, with fire engines, patrol, aerial ladder and a large corps of firemen are at work. This is one of the many thrilling scenes in this tiny presentation of this famous play. The theatre will be found a useful method of entertainment to every member of every household. To prevent disappointment it will be necessary to send in all orders early in the week.

Grand Master Workman C. B. Prettyman, of Dover, assisted by Grand Recorder C. E. Woods, of Wilmington, and Past Master W. B. Smith, of Dover, installed the following officers of Union Lodge, No. 6, A. O. U. W., on Tuesday evening: Past Master Workman, J. H. Emerson; Master Workman, Augustus Husbek; Foreman, D. W. Colpitts; Overseer, Isaac Taylor; Financier, Edwin Prettyman; Recorder, John B. Branton; Guide, E. F. Bishop; Inside Watch, J. W. Solway; Outside Watch, William J. Given; Trustee, A. C. Cox. The Grand Lodge convened at 7 o'clock, February 11th. Grand Master Prettyman has by earnest work made the year the most successful one in the history of the order. He has brought the membership up to 3,300, an increase of 752 during the year. A new lodge will be instituted at Greenwood to-night.

Every citizen of Middletown knows how efficient is the equipment of the Volunteer Hose Company for doing the work for which it was organized. It has 24 members, jolly good fellows, who make merry with some of their friends every year. The Ninth Annual was held at the Hose House on Tuesday evening, when about 75 persons were served with an excellent bill of fare consisting of roast beef, ham, corn beef, rolls, pickles, coffee, etc. W. B. Kales was chief cook assisted by Joseph C. Jells. After the supper came the pipes and the smoke. Then it was that fireman Stanger with a flight of eloquence that was surprising and inspiring presented to the company on behalf of the City a beautifully framed certificate of a San Francisco fireman, 1896, received through Hamilton Morton. Vice-President Sawyer neatly accepted the gift in behalf of the Volunteers. After a few more smokes, a song or two by visitors, and music by the orchestra which is always a delightful feature, the evening closed with a prayer, fathers, members of the Light and Water Commission and other guests. The following responded: G. W. W. Naudin, Dr. T. H. Gilpin, W. A. Comery, S. M. Reynolds, John W. Jolls, C. M. Stanger, J. Frank McWhorter, E. S. Jones, Joseph A. Strydom and Joseph O. Jolls.

PERSONALITIES

Little Lines About Men and Women and What They Are Doing.

—Mrs. L. Darlington is visiting friends in Alexandria, Va.

—Mr. Wm. Taylor and Mr. W. J. Barnett are in New York City.

—Mr. William Vanant, of Wilmington, spent Sunday in town.

—Miss Belle Appleton is visited this week by Mrs. B. D. Smith, of Dover.

—Mr. W. O. Shakespeare spent Sunday at Mr. James Collins', near town.

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